

Aberdeen Cycle Forum

Minutes of Meeting

**Townhouse, Tuesday 27 November 2012,
19:30hours**

Present:

Ferdinando Binacchi (FB), Euan Innes (EI), Fiona Fraser (FF), Neil Fraser (NF), Liz Lindsey (LL), Jeremy Pye (JP), Ian Mitchell (IM), Jyll Skinner (JS), Tom Skinner (TS), Radek Tschirch (RT), Derek Williams (DW)

Apologies:

David Cheseldine, Gavin Clark

1. Minutes of the previous meeting and matters arising

CWSS – DW has spoken with Graeme McKenzie about progress on CWSS items. He will request a report for the January ACF meeting.

2. Roundabouts and Cycle Safety – What can the ACF do re: roundabouts and cycle safety? DW was in contact with Fraser Forsyth earlier in the year on the issue and that correspondence has been forwarded to Ross Thompson. DW also sent out a press release that got a small item in the Evening Express and the Press & Journal.

ACF will continue to urge the council to change large roundabouts to signalised junctions. Changes will be possible when the council takes jurisdiction for Anderson Drive after the change of the A90 to the AWPR. ACF will also remind the council that Anderson Drive is no longer on the outskirts but directly adjacent to residential areas.

FB suggested cycle lanes leading to the roundabout yield lines to increase awareness of cyclists at roundabouts. LL has been in contact with the Grampian Police's Leslie Harrold. Who will be issuing a press release aimed at motorists. A list of tips for drivers and cyclists has been produced by Leslie Harrold. ACF to email members for specific feedback on roundabouts.

- 3. Traffic Measures Update** – [cf. the News Item on ACF's website on the same topic] ACC has put in place a trial measure at Guild Street preventing traffic from continuing from Virginia Street onto Guild Street. DW has urged roads to provide signage with adequate warning for cyclists if they do not wish to continue onto the Market Street diversion.

The new junctions on Stronsay Drive and King's Gate in conjunction with the new Tesco do not have ASL in contravention of guidelines. The council has responded to queries by planning a review of the junctions.

Narrow portions of the Westhill Cycle Path near the new business development continue to be unaddressed. IM has been in touch with his councillor about the problem.

The junction on Langstracht at Morrisons is awaiting review.

- 4. Nestrans Meeting** – Gavin Clark, LL, IM, JS, and DW will meet with Nestrans on Wednesday, 5 December at 5pm in Marischal College.

- 5. Maidencraig and Loirston Loch Development** – The plans made available by the council will need to be watched for internal cycle infrastructure provision and connections to existing external infrastructure. IM and EI will look into Maidencraig and RT and DW will look into Loirston Loch.

- 6. Quality Cycle Corridors** – DW has written a piece outlining what the QCC should include. This document will be taken to Barney Crockett and Ross Thomson as a next step. **Action: JS to forward as necessary**

- 7. AOB**

Winterising Cycle Routes – ACF will be in contact with Roads about winterising key cycle routes (the situation on Howes Road brought this to the Forum's attention). It may be too late to make any changes for winter 2012, but we will begin work to get routes on the schedule for winter 2013.

Pedal on Parliament – DW alerted ACF to the date for next year's PoP. ACF will send a delegation in May 2013.

Union Square – JS and DW will meet with general manager Ryan Manson on 28 November re: additional cycle parking on the north side of Union Square.

I Bike Officer – IM mentioned that Sustrans and Cycle Hub are funding officers to increase cycling, but the only officers are in the central belt. IM requests that ACF look into Aberdeen attracting an I Bike officer. This can be mentioned at next meeting on Bikeability with council.

8. Next Meeting – Tuesday, 29th January 2013